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.....BULLETIN.....

NOAA NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ADVISORY NUMBER 7

TROPICAL STORM GILDA 6 PM EDT THURSDAY OCTOBER 18 1973

...GILDA THREATENS SOUTH FLORIDA AND WESTERN BAHAMAS...

TROPICAL STORM GILDA IS MOVING ON A STEADY COURSE TOWARDS
THE NORTH AND POSES A DEFINITE THREAT TO SOUTH FLORIDA
AND THE WESTERN BAHAMAS. THE CENTER IS EXPECTED TO EMBERGE
FROM THE NORTH CUBAN COAST EARLY FRIDAY MORNING AND WINDS
WILL STRENGTHEN TO NEAR HURRICANE FORCE BY FRIDAY AFTERNOON
AS THE STORM APPROACHES SOUTHEAST FLORIDA. THE PROJECTED TRACK
TAKES THE CENTER EAST OF MIAMI FRIDAY NIGHT...HOWEVER...
STEERING CURRENTS ARE WEAK AND SMALL CHANGES COULD BRING
THE CENTER DANGEROUSLY CLOSE THE GOLD COAST. WARNINGS
WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTH FLORIDA
AND THE WESTERN BAHAMAS EARLY FRIDAY AND ALL INTERESTS
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SHOULD BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION.

AT 6 PM EDT...2200Z...THE CENTER OF GILDA WAS ON THE SOUTH
CUBAN COAST NEAR LATITUDE 21.5NORTH LONGITUDE 79.5 WEST.
THIS POSITION IS 300 MILES SOUTH OF MIAMI.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE 60 MPH AND SHOULD DECREASE
TONIGHT WHILE THE STORM IS OVER CUBA. THE LOWEST CENTRAL
PRESSURE IS AROUND 995 MILLIBARS...29.38 INCHES. GALE
FORCE WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS WILL CONTINUE OVER EAST AND
CENTRAL CUBA TONIGHT AND SPREAD INTO THE FLORIDA STRAITS
AND THE WESTERN BAHAMAS FRIDAY. SMALL CRAFT ALONG THE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COAST AND IN THE WESTERN BAHAMAS SHOULD
REMAIN IN PORT.

GILDA IS MOVING TOWARDS THE NORTH AROUND 5 MPH AND IS
EXPECTED TO REMAIN ON THIS COURSE TONIGHT AND FRIDAY.

REPEATING THE 6 PM EDT POSITION...21.5NORTH...79.5 WEST.

AN INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL
HURRICANE CENTER AT 9PM EDT.

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